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SUBJECT: PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZANU) REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSS ZIMBABWEAN
REGUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE

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1. SUMMARY: PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZANU) REPRESENTATIVES IN
MOZAMBIQUE EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR USG CONTRIBUTION TO
UNHCR FOR AID TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES, BUT WOULD LIKE TO
RECEIVE USG REFUGEE AID DIRECTLY, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF
EDUCATION.
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2. EDGAR TEKERE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF ZANU,
AND MUKUDZEI MUDZI, ZANU EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETAY, CALLED
ON AMBASSADOR AND POLITICAL OFFICER JUNE 9 FOR BRIEFING
ON USG REACTION TO RHODESIAN RAID ON MOZAMBIQUE (REFTEL).
DURING THEIR VISIT, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE MATTER OF
ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWE REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE, POINTING
OUT THAT USG WAS CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH THE

UNHCR. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT USG PREFERRED TO CHANNEL AID TO REFUGEES THROUGH UNHCR BECAUSE UNHCR IS A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH WIDE EXPERIENCE IN COORDINATING REFUGEE ASSISTANCE BUT ALSO TO AVOID POSSIBLE CHARGES THAT USG FAVORED ONE OR ANOTHER POLITICAL GROUP.

3. TEKERE SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT AMBASSADOR INITIATED REFUGEE DISCUSSION, ADDED THAT HE WAS ALSO PLEASE TO SEE THAT UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION A CHANGE HAD OCCURRED IN USG POLICY FAVORABLE "TO THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE." HE CONFESSED THAT ZANU WAS FRANKLY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY DONORS TO UN PROGRAMS AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO WAS HELPING REFUGEES. "WE WANT TO KNOW WHO OUR FRIENDS ARE IN THE DIFFICULT TIMES." WHILE HE DID NOT DISPARAGE UNHCR ASSISTANCE, HE SUGGESTED THAT USG MIGHT CONSIDER PROVING AID DIRECTLY TO ZANU, AS HE SAID OTHER WESTERN DONORS (NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN) WERE DOING. HE SAID THAT ZANU WAS NOW MEETING WITH MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND DONOR COUNTRIES ON A REGULAR BASIS TO COORDINATE AID TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE APPRECIATED THAT USG DID NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH ANY ZIMBABWEAN POLITICAL FACTION, BUT SAID THAT THIS SHOULD NOT DETER US FROM GIVING AID DIRECTLY TO THE REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT ZANU HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE USG PROVIDING AID DIRECTLY TO ZIMBABWE REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA, OR ZAMBIA, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

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4. AT SAME TIME, BOTH TEKERE AND MUDZI RIDICULED "CERTAIN COUNTRIES" WHICH ALLOCATE AID TO ZIMBABWE REFUGEES ON BASIS OF A MATHEMATICAL FORMULA, E.G. IN ONE CASE, ONE-THIRD TO ZANU, ONE-THIRD TO ZAPU, AND ONE-THIRD TO ANC-MUZOREWA: AND IN ANOTHER, THE FINAL THIRD TO SITHOLE (VICE MUZOREWA). "WHERE ARE SITHOLE'S OR MUZOREWA'S CAMPS?" THEY ASKED RHETORICALLY.

5. ON EDUCATION NEEDS, MUDZI NOTED THAT ZANU HAD PRESENTED LIST OF REFUGEE EDUCATION NEEDS TO COMMITTEE OF 24 IN NEW YORK AND ASKED THAT LIST BE CIRCULATED TO ALL UN MEMBERS. MUCH IS NEEDED, HE NOTED, FROM EXERCISE BOOKS TO PENCILS TO TEXTBOOKS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS. HE WAS CRITICAL OF THE WAY USG ALLOCATED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, ACCUSING

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USG AND AAI WITH PAST FAVORITISM IN GRANTING U.S. SCHOLARSHIPS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO FOLLOWERS OF BISHOP MUZOREWA. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS (HE WAS VAGUE AS TO WHOM HE HAD COMPLAINED AND WHEN). ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AAI HAD RECENTLY OFFERED 20 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ZANU, HE DEEMED THE NUMBER "INSIGNIFICANT." DESPITE THESE COMPLAINTS, TEKERE INDICATED THAT ZANU WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL EDUCATION HELP THE USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER. HE SAID THAT ZANU EDUCATION COMMITTEE WAS CURRENTLY PREPARING A STATEMENT OF ITS NEEDS AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH A COPY WHEN IT WAS AVAILABLE.

6. ON MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS, TEKERE AND MUDZI NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO MEDICINES NEEDED AT CAMPS, ZIMBABWEANS ALSO WOULD BENEFIT FROM SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING COURSES FOR MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, NURSES AND DOCTORS.

7. POLITICAL OFFICER MADE POINT THAT EMBASSY HAS HAD DIFFICULTY UP TO NOW IN ASSESSING NEEDS OF REFUGEES, SINCE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO VISIT CAMPS (IN FACT EVEN UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES IN VISITING CAMPS). AND ONLY RECENTLY WERE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPENED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND ZANU. WE SUGGESTED THAT REGULAR CONTACTS BE MAINTAINED IN MAPUTO. TEKERE AGREED AND INDICATED THAT MUDZI WOULD BE THE CONTACT MAN IN MAPUTO.

8. COMMENT: WHILE THEY WERE INVITED TO EMBASSY AS PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVES, BOTH TEKERE AND MUDZI CHOSE TO WEAR

ONLY THEIR ZANU HATS AND SPOKE ONLY OF ZANU. TEKERE WAS CLEARLY THE SENIOR SPOKESMAN AND WAS IN A COOPERATIVE FRAME OF MIND.

9. TEKERE AND MUDZI SEEM DETERMINED THAT ZANU WILL HENCEFORTH PLAY A MORE PROMINENT AND DIRECT ROLE IN ADMINISTRATION OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. WE WOULD PROBABLY BE WELL ADVISED TO LISTEN TO ZANU'S VIEWS
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ON REFUGEE PRIORITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, WERE USG OR AMERICAN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ABLE TO PROVIDE TEXTBOOKS FOR USE OF STUDENTS IN ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE, WE WOULD SATISFY NOT ONLY ONE OF IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF REFUGEE CAMPS BUT ALSO EARN CONSIDERABLE GOODWILL FROM ZANU LEADERS HERE. AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DEPART FROM OUR CURRENT PRACTICE OF CHANNELING AID TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES THROUGH UNHCR.

10 FOR USUN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF USUN COULD LOCATE AND AIR POUCH TO EMBASSY THE LIST OF EDUCATION NEEDS WHICH MUDZI REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 C ABOVE.
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